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THE BUFFALO VERDICT

After weeks of inquiry into the private life of all who were in any possible manner connected with the murder of Edwin L. Burdick and the consequent stirring up of an exceedingly muddy puddle, Justice Murphy has rendered a decision that is as clear as the puddle. He finds that Mr. Burdick is dead and so is Pennell and his wife. In probably no other community could such a travesty on justice have been enacted. The State of New York has by a recent law dispensed with the Coroner's inquest and substituted an examination before a police magistrate with the District Attorney as a prosecutor, but with no proper restrictions and protections to accused persons. Given this law, a justice yearning for notoriety and a District Attorney new to his office and the Burdick inquiry is the result. It was entirely within the province of the justice to examine into the facts to ascertain if Mrs. Burdick were accessory either before or after the fact. But it certainly could do no public good to read and spread upon the records for everyone else to read the letters of a weak woman to a man who had won her illicit regard.

While the court of inquiry has resulted in no good and it is probable that no one will be tried for the murder, the court of public opinion has rendered its verdict and inflicted a severe penalty. The publicity given by the newspapers of many states has served as a warning to any man or woman who is surrounded with respectability and the advantages of social life who has been tempting fate by leading double lives. No one of this class but has shuddered daily at the thought that the same punishment might be measured out to him or his in life or death. This publicity, while in many respects harmful to public morals, is a great deterrent against social crimes. Many a man or woman who would not hesitate before the disgrace of a divorce court, where the evidence is private and the verdict soon forgotten, will hesitate, when before the eyes of millions of readers is spread the glaring headline, announcing to the public the shame, and disgrace, naked and bare, meted out to another for the offence of which he or she is alike guilty.

OUR EXPORT TRADE

The head of the Bureau of Foreign Commerce at Washington sounds a warning to the manufacturers of this country. He calls attention to the fact that our export trade is less than it was two years ago, and says that it is necessary for the manufacturers to realize that their goods are not to continue to be sold on their merits alone as they have been doing.

The foreign manufacturers have awakened to the fact that the use of American machinery makes it possible for them to make and sell goods in competition with those formerly shipped from this country, and they make them cheaper.

"Germany has for many years, in spite of the tariff, been selling tones of goods here marked 'made in Germany.' And this trade is growing while our export trade is falling off. In order to secure an outlet for our excess of production over and above what we need at home it is necessary for the manufacturers here to keep their agents at work drumming up trade abroad. We must be aggressive in the matter of foreign trade if the export business is to amount to anything."

The prosperity in this country means an increased production and in time an overproduction. It will take many years to make the consuming capacity of this country, equal to the capacity of home production. And the capacity of the home consumption is being lessened by the growth of the foreign trade here. The tariff act does not prevent the importation of foreign-made goods, and Germany is increasing its exports to the United States in a manner that shows the possibilities of cheap labor when in competition with the higher-priced labor in this country. The manufacturers here must exert themselves to

introduce their goods in the foreign markets if they expect to continue to hold foreign trade. The warning has been sounded before, and it is well that renewed attention is being called to the matter.—*Morning News*.

DELAWARE CITY

Mrs. Donnell, of Newark, spent Monday in town.

Mr. Hutchinson, of Dover, spent Monday in town.

Miss Nora Foard spent Monday in Wilmington.

George B. Money has returned to Philadelphia.

Dr. Hallett, of Wilmington, spent Saturday in town.

Herbert Heisel, of St. Georges, was in town recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rose spent Monday at Odessa.

Harry Timms, of New Castle, spent Monday in town.

Harry Warren, of Wilmington, spent Tuesday in town.

Mrs. Samuel Hines has returned from a visit to Hockessin.

Miss Sara Milligan, of St. Georges, spent Monday in town.

Miss Agnes Vail, of Dutch Neck, is visiting Miss Julia Sadler.

Mrs. Evans Hemphill and son are visiting Philadelphia friends.

William Hearn, of Wilmington, has been at home the past week sick.

Miss Ada Pennington of Philadelphia, is visiting Miss Martha Janvier.

Mr. Taylor and Mr. George, of Virginia, are visiting friends in town.

Miss Alice Vail has returned from a several months' visit to Philadelphia.

Mrs. William A. Jester has returned from a two weeks' visit to Philadelphia.

Henry Higgins, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his brother, John Higgins.

Miss Bessie Mills, of Townsend, was entertained by Miss Mamie Pearce Thursday.

County Commissioner Lewis P. Atwell and sister, Miss Edith, visited relatives in and near Chestertown Tuesday.

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The Farmers' Club met at the home of Mr. W. D. Pennington in lower Kent on Thursday last, with full attendance.

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STATE HOSPITAL

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Delaware State Hospital for the Insane at Farhurst Thursday morning, the report of Superintendent Hancock showed the population of the hospital to be 190 males and 134 females, a total of 324; admitted during the month of March, 7 males, 3 females; died, 2 males, 2 females; discharged, 1 male, 1 female; attendants resigned, William K. Mason, N. Caufield, Miss Mattie Nace; attendants hired, Frank Littleton, Meliese Tindler, Ida Williamson. Received for the board of patients \$617.68.

The Odessa Creamery Co., was given the contract for butter at 25 cents per pound. The contract for ice to be supplied to November 15th, was awarded to the Diamond Ice Co., of Wilmington, at \$185.

The committee on buildings and grounds was authorized to have the house and ward telephones placed in repair.

Architect Rogers was present and explained the progress on the new tuberculosis hospital and stated that he thought that it would be ready for occupancy about the latter part of May, unless some unusually severe weather should set in and delay the work.

A visit of the several wards was made by the entire board and everything was found in first-class order.

CAMDEN CAMP

Dr. E. W. Cooper, president of the Camden Union Camp Ground Association, has received a proposal from a religious association, which wants to conduct a camp meeting at the historic grounds next summer.

While the Methodists of this Peninsula have practically abandoned the camp meeting grounds, they seem to resent the leasing of the place to any other organization, as the property has been dedicated to them, and they expect to again hold camp meetings in the grove.

The lack of transportation facilities has caused interest in the camp meetings to lag, the lack used to convey the travelers, proving inadequate to the big crowds of visitors. Here is where the people of Kent county greatly need a trolley line, and look with regret at the unfinished track which is laid from Dover almost to the camp grounds.

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SASSAFRAS ITEMS

Everyone is getting ready for Easter. Little Miss Annie Sylvester is quite sick with the measles.

Mr. John F. Ernest visited Middletown on Wednesday.

Mr. Jacob T. Shallcross was in Blanken, Md., on Saturday last.

Apples are unusually plentiful and prices are quite reasonable.

We are pleased to state Mr. Hampton Johns is able to be out again.

Mr. Alexander T. Laws visited Chester-ton relatives Sunday and Monday.

It is said the markets are full of bananas and yet they sell for 2 for 5 cents.

Many here regret to learn of the death of Mr. George W. Megee, of Cecilton.

Mrs. J. McLain Brown and Miss Hattie Day spent Thursday with Mrs. Henry Rosin.

Mr. Robert S. Griffith left Wednesday for Pocono City to attend conference as a delegate.

Mrs. A. P. Emerson, of Fairlee, is being entertained by her sister, Mrs. and Mrs. Robert Johnson.

Miss Bessie Gunkil, of Warwick, was entertained by her sister, Mrs. John F. Ernest, Wednesday.

The sixteenth annual convention of the Delaware Sunday School Workers will begin at Lewes on April 16th.

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Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:

North Bound—3:30, 7:52, 9:20 and 10:27 a. m.; 1:11 and 6:50 p. m.

South Bound—1:49, 5:31, 9:21 and 11:40 a. m.; 3:56, 5:15 and 7:50 p. m.

Mails close as follows.

Going North—3:30 a. m., 10:45 a. m., 2:50 p. m., 4:45 p. m. and 9 p. m.

Going South—1:49 a. m., 4:50 p. m., and 9 p. m.

For Warwick, Cecilton, Earville and Sassafras—9:40 a. m.

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Local News.

The Good Mr. Best has 12 beautiful ladies.

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. INGRAM'S.

Bulk Garden Seed at Evans' Feed Store by the oz. or lb.

The Good Mr. Best is a moral, high-class family entertainment.

Be sure and see The Good Mr. Best, Thursday evening, April 9th.

Have a good laugh. The Good Mr. Best has seven funny comedians.

Perfect fitting Wrappers 60 cents, our own make. Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

Plenty of Seed Potatoes at Evans' Exchange Store. Prices right. Terms Cash.

A splendid lot of Red Cedar Posts for wire fence at right price. G. E. HULL.

DR. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

Reserved seats for The Good Mr. Best now on sale at Letherbury's Hardware Store.

FOR SALE.—125 bushels of Seed Potatoes. Fine quality, 60 cents per bushel, at E. F. INGRAM'S.

FOR SALE.—No. 7 New Perfect Range in thorough order. Cheap. M. JONES, S. Broad and Cochran Sts.

FOR RENT.—A six room house, on East Main street, opposite the First E. Church. Apply to

MISS FANNIE SHEPHERD.

FOR RENT.—My 10 room dwelling on West Cochran street. For further particulars apply to

MRS. RACHEL CONNER,

Middleton, Del. FOR RENT.—The dwelling which I now occupy on North Broad street. Postscript given immediately. Apply to JOHN JONES.

If you have a cow sick or out of condition use "Kor Kure." For horses use "Rust Climax Condition Powder." To make hens lay use "Rust Egg Producer." J. F. McWHORTER & Son.

Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday afternoon, from 3:30 to 5; Saturday afternoons, from 3 to 5; Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8:30.

The Sunday school at Armstrong's Corner will re-open on to-morrow, (Sunday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The members and friends of the school are cordially invited to be present.

We have on hand or will order STOVE REPAIRS for all makes of stoves. Give us the number of your stove and the makers name, and we will give you the repairs at once. J. F. McWHORTER & Son.

Our town fathers have decided to place several new gas lights on Main and Broad streets. This will add greatly to the appearance of the business section of the town, and at the same time give us better lighted streets.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending March 26th: Mrs. Annie Edwards, E. R. Clayton, Lewis Crossland, Edward Robbins, William Fletcher Wheeler, Samuel Wilson.

The Delaware Conference closed its session at Pocomoke City, Md., Monday. The Rev. J. R. Brown who has just closed a most successful year as pastor of Dales M. E. Church returns for another year, which is very gratifying to his congregation.

We wish to call the attention of our readers to the large ad. on the first page of to-day's issue of the Globe Clothing Store. Mr. Rosenberg has just returned from New York where he bought a large quantity of spring and summer clothing, and wrote his own story in his new ad.

Rev. F. J. Cochran, summoned by the State to testify in the case, and afterward subpoenaed by the defense, stated that the strongest proof of Collins' love for his wife is that his two little girls were kept in constant ignorance of his whereabouts during the time he was confined in jail, since last October.

The day following his acquittal Collins attended immediately for the home of his father-in-law, and arriving there his children leaped into his arms and refused to again be separated. Collins' friends declare that if he had been an unhappy home no such affection would have ever been demonstrated in children of 3 and 5 years.

Elmer Collins, acquitted last week of the charge of murdering his wife, is leading a quiet life in his home neighborhood, and developments since his acquittal, it is claimed, have tended to convince the public of the man's absolute innocence.

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SECURE IMMIGRANTS

Governor Hunn Wednesday had a hearing with the State Board of Agriculture, regarding the plans to be adopted to secure immigrants in Delaware, to cultivate the unused lands in this fertile state.

It was decided to authorize A. J. Koch, of Wilmington, agent for Southern steamship lines, to advertise in German papers stating the advantages to be gained to immigrants who settle in Delaware. They will also communicate with the commissioners of immigration in New York, Philadelphia and Boston. A special effort will be made to secure German, Swiss and Finn immigrants, and descriptive maps of the state will be distributed.

DANIEL W. CORBIT Re-appointed

Daniel W. Corbit of Odessa, whom as trustee of the New Castle County workhouse expired Wednesday, has been re-appointed for another term of five years. The appointment was made by Chief Justice Lore and Judges Spruance and Grubb. The term of J. Frank Ball will expire in April, next.

Spring Fertilizers

Stored in our Warehouses by bag ton, for Oats, Potatoes, Tomatoes, Asparagus, Corn, Berries, Peach Trees and General Trucking. Send your teams and orders along. Prompt attention. JAMES L. SPURGEON.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Edith Wilson spent Wednesday in Smyrna.

Mr. Harris McDowell spent Friday in Philadelphia.

Mr. Walter Webb, of Wilmington, was in town last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emerson were in Philadelphia Friday.

Mr. Warren Ellicott, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Miss Bessie Forsaker is entertaining her cousin, Miss Florence Bell, of Dover.

Miss Lida A. McNamee, of North East, Md., is visiting Mrs. Ella Penington.

Miss Eliza Hurst spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Neff, near town.

Mrs. Joseph Biggs and daughter, Miss Josie, are visiting relatives in New York.

Runner says we are to have a church wedding in the near future. Who can it be?

Mr. W. F. Metten, of the *Every Evening*, Wilmington, was in town Wednesday.

Measures, F. P. Bradley and John R. Crouch were in the Quaker City Thurs'day.

Mr. Edgar Boggs, of Cheswold, was the guest of Miss Estella Suydam on Saturday.

Mrs. William Hall and children have returned from a visit to their parents in Odessa.

Miss Myrtle Berry spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Julian Jones, near Nedeville.

Mr. Robert L. Johnson left Monday for Atlantic City, where he has accepted a position.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ahern and son Eugene, spent Sunday with relatives at Blackbird.

Miss Hattie Cullen spent Sunday and Monday with Miss Sybil Jones at Cambridge, Md.

Mrs. F. H. Schouler and daughter, of Elton, visited Miss Martha Heaton on Wednesday.

Mrs. Lessie Schreitz and daughter, Miss Jeannette, visited Wilmington and New-port Tuesday.

Mrs. W. J. A. Lingo, of Philadelphia, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Catherine Merritt.

Miss Anna Adams, of Wilmington, was the guest of Miss Sarah L. Jolls several days this week.

Mrs. William Clark, of Philadelphia, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Annie Gallagher, this week.

Mrs. Lena Smith and Miss Annie Renfrie, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. William B. Gates.

Mr. John Jols, son of Register in Chancery Joseph C. Jols, will enter Goldley's College Monday.

Mrs. J. B. Bratton, of Lamberville, N. J., left Monday after a brief pleasant visit with Mrs. Albert Price.

Edward Dade left last Saturday for Lancaster, Pa., where she will make an extended visit with her parents.

Frank J. Waller, of Princes Anne, Md., has accepted a position as prescription pharmacist with Dr. G. B. Pearson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Denny, of Vermont, have been visiting his brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Denny, on North Broad street.

Mr. Richard Hanson, of New York City, spent Thursday with his grandfather, Mr. R. T. Cochran, on Green street.

Mrs. G. E. Coppage is visiting her son in Wilmington this week.

Misses Amelia Muhlbarger and Lulu Vinyard are visiting in Philadelphia.

Miss Ethel Brady, of Middletown, is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. B. Watkins.

Mrs. Carrie Appleton has returned from a visit with friends at Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Rev. J. M. Arter, who has been visiting his father at Smyrna has returned home.

Mrs. Bertha Stevens and brother, George, are visiting their sister, near Medford, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Rhodes and children, of Summit Bridge, spent Sunday with their parents.

Miss Emma Eccles attended the Cleaver Wedding near Middleton on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Perkins and daughter, of New Hampshire, were the guests of Miss Corinella Townsend over Sunday.

The Watkins Packing Co., started up full force on Monday morning, making cans for the coming canning season.

Mrs. J. B. Catts and daughter, Misses Emily and Susan Arthur, are visiting their mother at Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Miss Elizabeth Holten and Lilly Cartly attended the entertainment given by the Mask and Wig Club, of Delaware College at Smyrna on Wednesday evening.

Miss Dora Price has returned home after spending several weeks with friends in Cambridge and other towns on the Eastern Shore.

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Miss Martha Evans is the guest of Mrs. Jester at Delaware City.

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Misses Nellie Brockson, Lena Buckworth and Samuel Buckworth, of the Manor, spent Sunday with Miss Boulden.

Rev. G. W. Townsend was given a fare-well surprise on Friday evening last and his many friends presented him with a handsome chandelier. It will be succeeded by W. A. Dawson.

The entertainment given by the Buck Dramatic Club on Saturday night of last week was well attended and much enjoyed by all.

Mr. Clayton Cleaver and family attended the wedding of Miss Lillian Cleaver and Mr. Ernest Radcliffe near Middleton on Thursday evening.

Mr. O. C. Stevens who has been spending sometime with his mother, left last week for the Southern States, where he will represent a Philadelphia firm.

Another fire occurred on the farm tenanted by Mr. George Roemer last Saturday afternoon. The granary, carriage house and some small buildings were burned. The house caught on fire but was put out before doing much damage. This is the second fire on the same farm in less than a week, causing Mr. Roemer much loss. During the fire Mr. Roemer was very sick but at this writing is somewhat better.

TOWNSEND NOTES

Prof. H. C. McCabe spent Sunday with Newark friends.

Prof. D. B. Jones was in Delaware City Wednesday.

J. S. and W. Lattomus are building an addition to their store.

Mrs. D. P. Hutchinson who has been seriously ill is convalescing.

Mrs. Edward Hart and daughter Norma, visited Philadelphia Tuesday.

Mrs. Lizzie Voschel, of Smyrna, visited Sunday with her mother, Mrs. W. Lynn.

Mr. James Wilson spent Sunday in Lewes with his brother, Mr. Daniel Wilson.

Miss Bessie Merritt, of Warwick, Md., was entertained by Miss Bessie Phillips several days this week.

Miss Maud Castle, of Riverton, N. J., spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. W. Lynn near town.

Mrs. Blanche Mitchell and Miss Minnie Gale have been visiting Mr. W. Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lindale, of Queen Anne, Md., spent several days this week with Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Donovan.

Mr. J. P. Pritchard who opened a blacksmith shop in St. Georges sometime ago, moved his family there on Thursday.

Mr. Wm. Stubbs has in his possession four wild geese and one wild duck which he is keeping for decoys.

Mr. William Rhoades, of near Middletown, formerly of Bohemia Manor, is doing well.

There are hundreds of thousands pounds of fish caught and sold every year, and the industry is growing, and each season more people and boats are employed.

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SPRING BRIDES

RATLEDGE-CLEAVER

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius G. Cleaver, near Middletown, on Thursday evening, April 21, at 8 o'clock, when their daughter, Lillian Emma, was united in marriage to Mr. Ernest Martindale Ratledge, of Edge Moor, by the Rev. C. T. Wyatt, D. D., pastor of Bethesda M. E. Church, this town. To the strains of the local order: Prophet, Henry D. Howell; Sachem Charles H. Lochner; Senior Sagamore, S. F. Shallowes, Jr.; Keeper of Wanpunn, W. W. Freeman; Chief of Records, Thomas Pyle; Trustee, William H. Dockerty. Seneca Tribe, although only a few months old, is in a flourishing condition, and pale faces are being initiated into the secrets of the order in large numbers.

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BY IDA PRESTON ROBINSON

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK]

laid them on her knee. Do you remember?

She had not covered much ground when a clicking sound caught her attention and she stood still trying to place it. It came again, and this time she knew—it was at the front door.

Some one was trying to get in! Like a flash she saw the whole thing—the many strangers who had been in possession of the house, the opportunity for examining, bolts and bars, the knowledge where things were kept and the assurance that all were too tired to wake up easily. What was she to do? Scream and warn the family? That would warn the burglar of his peril and he would leave without further attempt to enter, so that she would have no proof to let the family know that it had not been a false alarm. She

would first see what he was going to do, and, blowing out the candle, she was groping for the staircase when the door was easily opened, she heard the sound of a key being taken from the latch, and the door softly shut.

She started to scream, making a bold dash for the protecting staircase as she did so but in her fright she ran into the massive newel post, and after that she was conscious of nothing until she felt strong, protecting arms around her, and heard a well-known voice speak her name.

Eloise! Thank God, you are not hurt! Did I frighten you so? and how did you happen to be here? No, don't try to talk. Yes, it's really David!" He was kneeling beside her, the lighted candle in one hand throwing flickering shadows on the bronzed, bearded face, on the kind gray eyes—anxious—anxious eyes now, as they searched her face for some traces of pain.

Eloise tried to jest as she smiled up at him, but he shook his head. Not just yet," he said, and in spite of her protests he almost carried her into the library and made her lie down on the cushions in front of the glowing coals. But I am all right, she explained. It was mostly fright, I guess. And it was only you, after all!

Only me—yes. David's eyes were quizzical as he looked down on her. And not a burglar to prove your heroism. J o y e ! What a lucky thing you didn't rouse the the household! And it was awfully good of you to come down to meet me. Have you been waiting long?

She looked up at him reproachfully. Don't just, David. I was so frightened—any—why—how when did you come home?

David didn't tell the secret to everyone, then? I expected to be greeted with open arms, which rather spoilt the zest of the thing. I heard about the dance, thought it would be fun to arrive in the midst of the festivities, cut off my visit in the East rather shorter than I intended and hurried along out here, but we met with an accident—no, nothing serious—it only amounted to an awkward delay, and I expected to sneak in, catch a nap somewhere, and surprise the family in the morning at the breakfast table—and find you waiting for me. Oh, don't mind it! It makes me feel so fine I can't afford not to believe it for awhile. You're beautiful to-night, Eloise! I suppose you've heard it several times before, but you can hear it once more from me. I'm going to see what can be done with this fire. Nonsense! Of course, you're not going to run away. If I missed the party you're surely willing to talk it over as Maud says. Come, confess. Who turned your head to-night by saying all sorts of pretty things to you?

She shook her head. I've nothing to tell, she protested. But you have. You've seen and heard all the things I would give my right hand to see and hear.

And odd look came into David's eyes as he smiled down at her. You've seen the best thing I saw during my entire trip, he said. But you're cold—you are shivering, Eloise. Here, come closer to the fire.

I was always poor at common sense, she answered. I give it up. What could I have seen—was it recently?

Yes I thought they would surely be appreciated such a dismal day as this.

Well, you are the last man I would ever suspect of being guilty of falling in love; a confirmed old bachelor like you, with plenty of gray hairs. But they say when a man of 40 or over does get hit with Cupid's arrow he is hit hard.

At any rate, laughed Mayhew, in this instance I confess it is true, I am hit hard, as you say, and my best girl is the dearest girl on earth, and he hastened away to the depot, where his sample case had preceded him.

Worth had only entered the employ of Knight, Powers & Co., six months before, but during

the time he had met Mayhew several times and had liked him from the first, mentally dubbing him a good fellow, with a keen sense of humor, ready to take or give a joke in his quiet way, but seldom entering into the story telling of his brother knights of the grip, when—as was occasionally the case—some of them met at the end of their several trips; and he had never been heard to boast of the pretty girls he had met or flirted with, as some of the others were wont to do. So the above incident impressed itself upon the memory of Horace Worth, who, although a volatile, easy-going man, was kind hearted almost to fault, and possessed of a strict sense of honor.

Two months later Mr. Worth happened to be spending Sunday at a small town some 50 miles out from the city. Saturday evening the ladies of one of the churches were serving ice cream and strawberries in a hall near the hotel where Worth was staying, and to while away an idle hour as much as to help a good cause, he strolled in about nine o'clock, and took a seat at one of the tables.

A bright little woman came forward to serve him, and he instinctively noted her plain, but attractive face lit up by large gray eyes, and crowned with a wealth of hair, once dark brown, but now thickly threaded with silver. The rush of the earlier part of the evening being over, he was the only one at that table, while disposing of the daintily served refreshments the little woman brought in response to request; so, seeing that he was a stranger in town, and seemed to know no one, she remained by the table pleasantly chatting in a manner that showed her to be a lady in every sense of the word.

Soon someone called, Oh, Mrs. Mayhew, please come here a minute, and saying, Excuse me, she hastened away.

Five minutes later she returned, Mr. Worth not yet having paid for his refreshments. As he handed her the amount he said: Pardon me, but I heard your name mentioned, and it is a familiar one to me, as another traveling man with the firm I represent bears it, Mr. Laurence Mayhew. Is he a relative of yours?

Quickly smiling, she said: Oh, you know Laurence? Why, he is my husband. I am glad, sir, to meet a friend of his; may I ask your name?

Horace Worth at your service, replied he, bowing, but you surprise me. I did not know that Mr. Mayhew had married; may I inquire how long since the happy event took place?

Did not know that Laurence was married? That is strange, laughed she; yet perhaps not strange, either; for he is so recent regarding his own affairs. Why, we have been married 15 years, though were it not for my son and daughter, both of whom will soon be as tall as I am, I could hardly realize it had been so long by half, and again she laughed merrily.

Just how Mr. Worth managed to take her hand and bow over it, stammer out his sincere apologies, and get out into the street, he never could clearly remember. But it is a fact that when he finally found refuge in his room at the hotel, he feelingly remarked to himself:

I wish I had three feet, so I could stand on two of them, and kick myself with the other!—*Lun-
ber Review*.

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Sometimes the paper on the bottom of a cake is difficult to remove. Warm the cake slightly and it will peel off quite easily.

On taking a cake from the oven wrap a damp cloth round the cake-tin, and the cake will come out without sticking in the least.

In putting away valuable rugs and carpets, cover them with newspapers before rolling up; the printer's ink is a preventive of moth.

Do not use for cooking or drinking the first water drawn from the pipes in the morning; neither water that has stood in the teakettle over night.

Equal parts of ammonia and spirits of turpentine will remove paint from clothing, although it is dry and hard. Satinate it two or three times, then wash in soapuds.

To remove fruit stains pour boiling water over them at once, or dry moisten the cloth and hold a lighted match under it, moving the match carefully until the stain disappears.

To keep butter firm in warm weather put it on a plate and procure a flower-pot large enough to cover it; wet the flowerpot thoroughly inside and out with cold water and place over the butter; stand in a cool place, preferably on a stone floor. The flower-pot should be made wet or three times a day; in this way the butter will always keep firm.

Giving castor oil to children is often a serious proceeding in view of the fact the little ones are apt to make over the dose. A French plan, which seems excellent, is to put the oil into a pan over a moderate fire, and to break an egg into it, stirring the mixture up. Flavored with a little salt, the valuable but disagreeable tasting oil can be swallowed with ease and comfort to all concerned.

It brought me home. I was planning to stay some months longer—I was my own master, you know—when this came and told me what I hadn't known before—what I had been blind to see. Now do you know?

drew a few loose pages of a

from his pocket, and

sode at the florist's, and closed by begging her not to think ill of him for being the bearer of such news, as he very greatly regretted the necessity he felt he was under to warn her, and expressing the hope that with her knowledge of the affair, an influence might be brought to bear that would counteract any evil toils into which her husband had—probably unconsciously—fallen, and that happiness might once again be hers. This note he despatched by the bell boy, about the time he judged she might have returned from church. A half hour later a white enclosure was handed in at his door. He tore it open and read:

Mr. Horace Worth—Dear Sir: To say that I was amazed at the contents of your note falls far short of expressing my feelings. If not asking too much of you, will you please call at my home at four o'clock this afternoon? I appreciate your intended kindness. I reserve all else to say to you in person. Sincerely yours,

Agatha Mayhew.

The writing showed signs of agitation, and it was with quickly beating heart that Mr. Worth presented himself at Mrs. Mayhew's door, at the appointed hour. He was admitted by the maid and shown into the parlor, where he was at once joined by Mrs. Mayhew. The pallid face and swollen eyes, for which he was prepared, were absent. Instead she greeted him with smiling countenance

Mr. Worth, said she, I sent for you, not—as you probably supposed—to question you farther concerning my dear husband, but to free your mind from the unjust charges which I give you request; so, seeing that he was a stranger in town, and seemed to know no one, she remained by the table pleasantly chatting in a manner that showed her to be a gentleman, and that you took the course that you did from a sense of duty. Fifteen years ago the 20th of March we were married. On that never-to-be-forgotten day, I wore a bunch of violets, and the table where the simple luncheon was spread was decorated with the same. Since that day; the 20th of March has never failed to bring from my dear, thoughtful husband, a fragrant cluster of violets; and two months ago, as usual, when he is absent at that time, there came by express a box of the sweet flowers, containing this card, and she held out the well remembered bit of bristol board, on which was written, "To my d r l n g, with a heart's best love—Laurence."

The next mail, continued she, brought his usual daily letter, in which he told the joke of your supposing he was a bachelor, how you asked if he was sending flowers to his best girl, and of his reply. That is just like Laurence, to have a little quiet fun at your expense, by never correcting your erroneous supposition. I hope you will forgive him for it, just as I have forgiven you for your slanderous thoughts of my husband, and she smilingly extended her hand.

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HICKS' FORECASTS FOR APRIL

Hicks, the weather prophet, makes the following predictions for April:

First Storm Period—from 1st to 3d change to warmer, rain, followed by cooler weather.

Second Storm Period—from 6th to 11th thunder storms will prevail, with dangerous squalls and tornadoes. At the break up of this period late snow and sleet are not improbable in northern extremes, and quite cool weather and frosty nights will spread far into the central, if not into the Southern States.

Third Storm Period—centering on the 13th and 14th will come re-actions from the anti-storm conditions which followed the previous period. Change to warmer, falling barometer, softer sky and cloud, south winds and April showers will probably result from these re-actionary movements.

Fourth Storm Period—This period is central on the 19th, reaching from the 17th to 21st. The well defined storm areas will be organized in western parts, and as they move eastward, many April thunder showers will visit most States during the 20th and 21st.

Fifth Storm Period—This period is central on the 24th and 25th. The temperature will rise to summer warmth, a high degree of humidity will be indicated by the hydrometer, the barometer will fail, and April showers will widen into extreme areas of rain and thunder storms. Moon is on the celestial equator on the 24th, two days ahead of new moon, hence the tendency to electrical storms about the 24th will not subside, and the low barometer and high temperature will, in all probability, continue up to the 27th, when storm conditions will culminate, and high barometer and change much cooler will come in from the northwest. Two or three frosty nights are quite probable at the end of these storms.

Plain boiled eggs, such as are served on the Easter breakfast table, may be easily dyed with vegetable dyes, which can be procured at caterers or dealers in confectioner's supplies. It is not in good taste to make these eggs eaten at the breakfast table especially elaborate.

The elaborate eggs are those which are supposed to be found incidentally after breakfast, on Easter morning, and are for the amusement of small children.

A dish of pale green, white and yellow eggs at one end of the table or robin's egg blue and pale yellow and white at the other end gives the breakfast table a festive appearance.

It is easy enough to prepare a few eggs in each of these colors to obtain this effect. It is a little difficult to get eggs in the shells as they are, and it is better to color eggs as simply as possible than to use any powerful dyes.

The more ornamental eggs of which the contents have been blown out may be prepared weeks before Easter and may be hidden away until the eventual morning. These simple eggshells decorated in colors with roses or forget-me-nots and each strung on a fancy ribbon will last a long time if taken care of. The eggs of nearly all ordinary birds, from the gigantic ostrich, whose shell is firm enough to be set in silver, to the smallest bantam, are represented in the shops at Easter time, decorated to hold various kinds of candies or for ornamental purposes.

BOOK OF THE ROYAL BLUE

The March number "Book of the Royal Blue," published by the Passenger Department of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, is in the nature of a special number of particular interest to Odd Fellows, Elks and members of the North Eastern Saenger Club, who will hold conventions at Baltimore during the coming summer.

PLAIN BOILED EGGS

Stored in our Warehouses by bag or ton, for Oats, Potatoes, Tomatoes, Asparagus, Corn, Berries, Peach Trees and General Trucking. Send your teams and orders along. Prompt attention.

JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

MARYLAND NOTES

The new local option law for Cecil County goes into effect on May 1st, after which time it will be unlawful to sell liquor in the county.

Three new rural free delivery routes go into effect in Cecil County on Wednesday two starting from North East and one from Rising Sun.

R. Hester Hicks, a Galena merchant, has applied to the United States Court for the benefit of the bankrupt law. His liabilities are placed at \$10,346.15 and his assets at \$8,233.40.

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